

Evangelist Prays With President

Billy Graham Visits White House to Urge Day of Humility

WASHINGTON, July 14 (AP) President Truman and Evangelist Billy Graham of North Carolina stood today in the President's office and prayed for divine guidance for the nation and its chief executive.

The evangelist told reporters about it after a half-hour's visit at the White House. He said he had proposed that Mr. Truman call a nationwide day of prayer and humiliation.

The President, Graham said, is giving "serious thought" to going on the radio to reassure the country, and to call on church leaders to arrange a national day of repentance and prayer.

Tells of Fear

Graham explained that he had told Mr. Truman the country has been swept by "a fear that you could almost call hysteria," one which calls for reassurance of a turning to God.

"I prayed aloud, and the President stood with his head bowed. I just prayed to the Lord, and asked God to give him wisdom," the evangelist said.

The President, Graham said, told the evangelist delegation that he was trusting in God and "looking to God at this time, because only as we look at God is there hope for the future." Mr. Truman, Graham said, was "very gracious and sweet and humble."

Invitation Clouded

There was some mystery in connection with Graham's call. He told reporters it was a White House invitation, extended through House Democratic Leader McCormack (Mass.)

But Charles G. Ross, the President's press secretary, told reporters in response to a question that "the initiative was on the other side."